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Stop the UADOJ/Anti-trust law terrorists from further acts of government institutionalized robbery of Microsoft Corporation.

The Antitrust laws--an unenforceable, uncompliable, unjudicable mess of contradictions--have for decades kept American businessmen under a silent, growing reign of terror. Yet these laws were created and, to this day are upheld by the "conservatives," as a grim monument to their lack of political philosophy, of economic knowledge and of any concern with principles. Under the Antitrust laws, a man becomes a criminal from the momnent he goes into business, no matter what he does. For instance, if he charges prices which some bureaucrats judge too high,he can be prosecuted for monopoly or for a successful "intent to monopolize" if he charges prices lower then those of his competitors, he can be prosecuted for "unfair competition" or "restraint of trade" and if he charges the same prices as his competitors, he can be prosecuted for "collusion" or conspiracy." Ther is only one difference in the legal treatment accorded to a crominal or to a businessman: the criminal's rights are protected much more securely and objectively than the businessman's.

The alleged purpose of the Antitrust laws was to protect competition; that purpose was based on the socialist fallacy that a free, unregulated market will inevitably lead to the establishment of coercive monopolies, But, in fact, no coercive monopoly has ever been or ever can be established by means of free trade on a free market.

Every coervice monopoly was created by government intervention into the economy: by special privilidges, such as franchises or subsidies, which closed the entry of competitors into a given field, by legislative action. (For a full demonstration of this fact, I refer you to the works of the best economists.). The Antitrust laws were the classic example of a moral inversion prevalent in the history of capitalism: an example of teh victims, the businessmen, takeing the blame for the evils caused by the government, and the government using its own guilt as justification for acquiring wider powers, on the prestext of "correcting" the evils.

[There is only one] meaning and purpose these laws could have, whether their authors intended it or not: the penalizing of ability for being ability, the penalizing of success for being success, and the sacrifice of productive genius to the demands of envious mediocrity.

So said Ms. Ayn Rand and so say my wife and I.

Bill Gates and his team made it to the top using his genius and that of the brain team he put together. He should be viewed as a modern hero having made available software processes that have changed the way we live, accumulate and process knowledge.

The first step that should be take is to abolish/repeal the Antitrust laws in their entirety on the basis of being inimical to the very concept upon which our Constitution system of government is founded. Just because some mental midgets not up to Bill Gates standards are unable to compete in the international marketplace is no reason to cutoff the arms, legs and labotomize Bill Gates such that mediocrities and incompetents can steal a part of his company or their earnings "sub pretexto

juris", "sub calore juris"... i.e., those who cannot compete in a free market system should not be in that business, and should seek other areas where they have the level of brainpower to make it on their own money and effort and not parasite off of the successful.

Antitrust laws delenda est!

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